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of this Application: Class Subclass

Prior Application

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Art Unit: 1772

TRANSMITTAL-CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION

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 Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/404,920, filed March 31, 2003, of Yoshio IWASAKI, Yukio NAKAGAWA, Tadao OOTA and Naoji ICHISE (Inventor(s) currently of record in prior application) for DISPLAY STRIP (title of invention).

1. Enclosed is a copy of the application.
2. Enclosed is a declaration and power of attorney.
3. A declaration and power of attorney will follow.
4. Enclosed is an associate power of attorney.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This application is a continuation-in-part application of application Serial No. 10/404,920, filed March 31, 2003, which application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

CALCULATION OF FEES								
ITEM		TOTAL NO. OF CLAIMS		NO. OF CLAIMS OVER BASE	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		\$ AMOUNT	\$ FEE
A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	43	-20	23	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	414	
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	2	-3	0	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$86	0	
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)							\$ 414
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE							LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145
E	BASIC FEE							LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$385
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)							\$ 1474
	*LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 and 2.							

A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

7. 15 sheet(s) of drawings is/are enclosed.

8. The present application claims priority from Japanese patent application Serial Nos. 2002-254972 filed August 30, 2002 and 2002-320167 filed November 1, 2002 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

9. The certified copy of the priority document(s) has/have been filed in prior application Serial No. 10/404,920 filed March 31, 2003.

10. The certified copy of the priority document(s) will follow.

11. An assignment to is enclosed herewith, along with the recordation form cover letter and check in the amount of \$40.

12. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

13. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

14. Information disclosure statement is enclosed with references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that

- two copies of a letter of transmittal
- patent application (32 page(s) of specification; 43 claim(s); 1 page(s) of abstract)
- 15 sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement with 3 references
- return postcard

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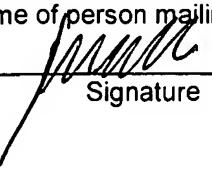
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